SMT. E. E. VAZ :—I do not think there is any restriction on the movement of Jowar within the State.

SRI. M. M. SAJJAN :—I hasten to bring to your kind notice that there is a ban on inter-district movement of Jowar.

SMT. E. E. VAZ :—There is no restriction on the movement of jowar. Only regarding rice, certain districts have been permitted by the Deputy Commissioners to transport rice from surplus areas to deficit areas within the State.

1-30 P. M.

iii) Re : Clash between two groups of people on Holi day at Gulbarga.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum) : Madam, I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the clash between two groups of people that took place on Holi day at Gulbarga.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity) : In reply to the calling attention notice, I wish to make the following statement :

On 18-3-1973 Holi celebrations started in Gulbarga Town as usual with the throwing of colours The members of public participated in the celebrations. In the afternoon, the carts carrying coloured water drums passed through the main streets without any trouble.

2. At about 7 P.M., when the procession came near a place of worship in Mominpura, some persons started shouting that colour was thrown on them. The shouts were followed by stone throwing. The police chased away the miscreants and advised the people to remain peaceful. The crowd dispersed.

3. In the meantime, when another procession with a cart came to Roza area, somebody pelted stones on a

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pot kept near a hotel. Slongans were shouted and the shouts were again followed by stone pelting. Due to pelting of stones one Sub-Inspector and a few Police Constables received injuries. The Police warned the crowd to disperse. but in vain. Two tear gas shells and four grenades were burst to disperse the mob.

4. At about 8-30 P.M. one person of Ankalgi village who was going in a cycle Rickshaw near Danka Cross was assaulted and his rickshaw was also taken away. At about 9 P.M., some miscreants stopped another person who was going near Danka Cross and snatched away his cycle, wrist watch and cash of Rs. 200/-. When the police party reached the spot, the miscreants ran away

5. At about 10 P.M.. the Police seized 31 Soda water bottles from a certain individual. Action has been taken against him under the Mysore Police Act.

6. At about 10-30P.M.,a crowd gathered near Mominnpura Danka Cross and started pelting stones. Inspite of warning given by the Senior Police Officers, the mob did not disperse. As there was heavy pelting of stones, the Superintendent of Police warned the crowd and ordered a Police Constable to open fire. Accordingly, one round was fired in the air and the crowd dispersed.

7. The Holi celebration countinued on 19-3-1973. At about 7 P.M.: there was some stone throwing in Roza area and the Police chased away the miscreants. At about 9-30 P.M., store throwing incidents were reported near Sandal Galli in Roza area and one M. S. R. P. Constable was injured. The Police burst 5 tear gas shells and two grenades. The Superintendent of Police, Special Investigating Agency fired three rounds in the air from his pistol. Thereafter the entire crowd dispersed.

8. Again at about 10 P.M., there was stone throwing in Roza area and two rounds were fired in the air to

disperse the mob. Some urchins attempted to set fire to a shop by pouring kerosene and the Police extinguished the fire and prevented the damage.

9. Due to the elaborate Police arrangements, the situation was dealt with very effectively. The incidents were localised to certain areas only and normal life prevailed in the remaining parts of the City. In addition to pickets, foot patrols were organised both during day and night to prevent looting, arson and mischief.

10. In all, 13 cases of rioting have been registered by the Police. The District Magistrate, Gulbarga District has ordered 14 persons to be detained under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act and 13 of them have now been detained in the Central Jail, Bellary. One person is still at large.

11. As a result of the disturbance which occured on 18th and 19th March 1973, 19 persons were injured and one of them by name Jagannath s/o Shivasharanappa, aged about 10 years who was operated on 22-3-1973 died at about 5 P.M. on that day. One Police Sub-Inspector and one Assistant Sub-Inspector and 9 Policemen also sustained injuries during the disturbance.

12. The Inspector General of Police visited the affected areas on 20-3-1973 and studied the situation.

13. The situation is reported to be normal.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Two years ago there was arson and looting in Gulbarga. So, why has the Government not taken precaution before the Holi celebration day? When this Jagannath was seriously injured, the news was spread that he had died and there was commotion as a result of that and the people took the law in their hands.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is because the Police was vigilant and took all necessary action a serious situation was prevented.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್. —ಜಗನ್ನಾಥ್—ಎನ್ನುವವರು ಫೈರಿಂಗ್‌ನಿಂದ ಸತ್ತರೇ ಅಥವ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಸತ್ತರು ? 13 ಜನರನ್ನು ಮೈನ್‌ಟೆನೆನ್ಸ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಟರ್ನಲ್ ಸೆಕ್ಯೂರಿಟಿ ಅಕ್ಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಡೀಜ್ಯೆನ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಗಾಗಲೇ 2 ತಿಂಗಳಾಗಿದೆ, ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಈಗ ಶಾಂತನಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದರಿಂದ ಅವರನ್ನು ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡುವಿರಾ ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—If the Hon. Member desires the detail, it will be ascertained and given.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ವಿ.ಕಕ್ಕಿಲಾಯ.—13 ಜನರನ್ನು ಡಿಟೆನ್‌ಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ, ಅವರನ್ನು ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.— ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಕಂಡುಬಂದರೆ ನೂಕ್ತ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

SRI J. P. SARWESH. — May I know whether the anti-social elements of Gulbarga City were arrested and detained before the Holi festival on the 18th March ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—From the statement I have made, it is clear that nobody was detained beforehand. In thss case, there was no need for detaining any people beforehand and that is why they were not detained.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Labour) :—

Madam, I lay on the table of the House the accounts of the Mysore Dasara Festivities 1972.

* MADAM SPEAKER : The accounts of the Mysore Dasara Festivities 1972 are laid on the table of the House.

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* Vide Library No 51 dated 13-9-1973